

Nine held in attacks on Arabs

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police have arrested nine people — seven West Bank settlers and two from inside the Green Line — as suspects in the recent sabotage attempt at the Temple Mount and the shooting at an Arab-owned bus near Ramallah on Sunday.

Seven West Bank settlers, all of American origin and apparently followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane, were arrested yesterday by police investigating the Ramallah shooting incident in which seven people were wounded.

The investigation has apparently also led detectives to two men with criminal records, suspected of involvement in last month's Temple Mount sabotage attempt.

There were several incidents of rock throwing in Ramallah and other West Bank towns yesterday, presumably in reaction to the attack on the Arab bus.

The 13 separate incidents of rockthrowing yesterday in Ramallah, Kalandia, and Nablus caused damage to several passing automobiles, and two soldiers were slightly injured by shards of broken glass. Five people were arrested.

Army and police investigators into the bus attack are sharing information gathered during a number of still unsolved cases in the past several years involving attacks on Arabs in the territories and the Jerusalem area.

Yesterday, the investigation focused on laboratory tests of material evidence found at the scene of the shooting and the continued search for a Subaru car seen speeding away from the scene.

Meanwhile, an eyewitness to the shooting told the police that another car — a red Audi — was also seen speeding away from the scene. But a neighbour said that the car travels the same route daily, and police are not believed to be concentrating on the angle.

At the El Amani nursing school in Ramallah a bomb scare emptied classrooms, but no explosive was found. Official sources emphasized yesterday that the anonymous caller to the school spoke "fluent Arabic."

Calls growing for Grupper's resignation

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Calls for the resignation of Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper are growing, "because of his inability to fulfil his promises to farmers."

Amos Hadar, a secretary of the Histadrut-affiliated Moshav Movement, made such a call last week before an emergency meeting of farmers and The Jerusalem Post has learned that kibbutz movements are being pressed to call for Grupper's ouster.

Hadar met Grupper yesterday, and according to the Agriculture Ministry spokesman, decided to "bury the hatchet" and work with Grupper towards improving the farmers' situation.

But The Post has learned that Hadar has not gone back on his call for Grupper's resignation.

"We discussed ways to help the country's farmers," Hadar told The Post last night, adding that his demand was not discussed at the meeting.

Hadar said Grupper promised to include turkey farmers in his agricultural plan, so that there would be no surpluses and turkey farmers would receive a guaranteed minimum price for their products.

Grupper also promised that the farmers' demand for a 12 per cent increase in insurance against exchange rate fluctuations would be brought before a special government committee.

It is unlikely that Grupper will be able to fulfil these promises, an official of the Histadrut-affiliated Agricultural Organization told The Post last night, and that is why we are demanding that he resign.



Teresa Engelovitz's grave in the Rishon LeZion cemetery is found empty yesterday evening. (Studio 23)

Engelovitz tomb empty

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Teresa Engelovitz's grave in the Rishon LeZion cemetery was opened last night by the police and found empty.

Yesterday afternoon Coastal Area police commander Shimon Savir obtained a court permit to open the grave as part of an investigation following the discovery in Ramle's Moleim cemetery on Saturday of remains identified as those of Engelovitz.

At 5 p.m., two policemen supervised by Savir, local burial society representatives and Rishon LeZion Chief Rabbi Shlomo Aranzon, began digging at the grave site. Also present were members of Engelovitz's family and Rishon LeZion Mayor Meir Nitzan.

The diggers pulled out a memorial candle, green branches which the family had placed on the grave, two torn plastic bags, and two pairs of rubber gloves evidently used by the criminals.

Two slabs of concrete, usually placed on top of a buried body, were found three-quarters of a metre down. When the slabs were removed there was nothing but soil below them.

Savir told reporters that the police still have no potential suspects in the case. He noted that opening the grave had been essential to the investigation.

Pathologist Bezael Bloch, also present at the grave opening, confirmed that the earth at the gravesite was extremely loose, but refused to give an estimate of when the site had previously been opened.

This morning, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar is due to hear Engelovitz's daughter Adina Harpaz's request that her mother's remains be returned to the grave. Shamgar has invited a representative of the attorney general's office to attend the hearing.

Harpaz said her mother's body was handled so brutally that fingers

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fell off and were lost in the mud at the Ramle Moslem cemetery.

The appeal notes that since the body has been exhumed, the burial society may act to prevent reburial in the original grave, and asks the court to order the burial society to put the body back.

The appeal also states that exhuming the body was in direct violation of the interim injunction issued by the High Court of Justice three months ago forbidding removal of Engelovitz's body from its grave pending a court decision.

Porat quits Tehiya, negotiates with NRP

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — MK Hanan Porat resigned from the Knesset yesterday and handed his mandate back to the Tehiya party, the first move in fashioning a new national religious party to replace the divided NRP.

His decision to quit the Knesset came at a Tehiya secretariat meeting, called to discuss Porat's contacts with NRP leaders. The meeting began on Sunday night and lasted into the early hours of yesterday morning.

When it ended Porat gave Tehiya's other MKs — Goula Cohen and Prof. Yuval Ne'eman — a letter addressed to the Knesset speaker informing Saviv of his resignation from the House.

Porat had said, after news of his contacts with NRP leaders was leaked, that he would resign if and when a deal was finalized. But other Tehiya members demanded immediate resignation and Porat complied.

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Subsidized food items go up between 11 and 35 per cent

Post Economic Reporter

Prices of subsidized basic commodities went up last night at midnight by between 11 and 35 per cent. According to the Treasury, the price rise brings subsidies close to the targeted level for the next fiscal year, which starts on April 1.

The largest increase is in the price of *chala* (35 per cent.), cooking oil (33 per cent) and margarine 25 per cent. Other foodstuffs went up by 11 per cent.

Following are new prices for some basic commodities, with the old prices in brackets: standard loaf IS19 (16.75); one litre bottle of cooking oil IS180 (IS135); 200 gram container of milk margarine IS41 (IS33); one litre of milk IS52 (IS47); sour cream IS31 (IS28); cottage cheese IS42 (IS37.50); leban IS19 (IS17.50); frozen chicken per kilogram — No. 1, IS340 (IS310); No. 2, IS340 (IS310); No. 3, IS325 (IS280); and eggs — No. 1, IS12.50 (IS11.20); No. 2, IS12.40 (IS11.10); No. 3, IS11.50 (IS10.30); meat from a high of IS840 (IS745) to a minimum of IS570 (IS510).

Meanwhile, the Knesset sub-committee on water prices decided yesterday to raise the price of water by 8.4 per cent.

After Lebanese pact abrogation—

Gov't looks to IDF for plans on northern border security

Lebanon's backdown leaves Syria dominant

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Lebanon yesterday formally cancelled its May 17 agreement with Israel, paving the way for its reconstitution as a Syrian-dominated state firmly-orientated toward the Arab world in which the hitherto dominant Maronites will have a much more circumscribed role.

But in scrapping the pact Lebanon has left open the possibility of striking a much more limited agreement with Israel, acceptable to Syria and the general Arab consensus, safeguarding Israel's security concerns along its northern frontier.

The *coup de grace* to the pact had been anticipated for several weeks, and became inevitable following Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's capitulation to Hafez Assad in Damascus last week. It was delivered by Lebanese cabinet secretary Shafik al-Mneimeh early yesterday afternoon, after a cabinet meeting headed by Jemayel.

The following is an unofficial translation, as carried in news agency reports from Beirut, of the Lebanese cabinet statement:

"The Lebanese Council of Ministers, in its session of March 5, 1984, headed by the president of the Lebanese republic, has decided the following:

"1. To cancel the Council of Ministers' decision of May 14, 1983, approving the agreement under discussion which was signed by representatives of the Lebanese government and Israel with the participation of the United States as a witness.

"The council has decided to cancel this unratified accord, consider it null and void and alter everything that may have resulted from it.

"2. To notify parties that have signed this agreement of this decision.

"3. The Lebanese government will undertake all necessary steps toward security arrangements that would ensure sovereignty, security and stability in Southern Lebanon, prevent infiltration across the southern border and bring about the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Lebanese territory."

The statement supported the legality of the abrogation act under Articles 56 and 57 of the Lebanese constitution, according to which Jemayel was obliged to sanction the parliament's ratification of the treaty — something he pointedly refused to do.

Respective of the legality of the act, which has been the subject of considerable controversy in Lebanon in recent weeks, yesterday's abrogation marks a watershed in the country's political evolution.

It has paved the way for the reconvening of the Lebanese National Reconciliation Conference in Switzerland, which official sources in Beirut were quoted as saying yesterday could get under way later this week or early next week.

That conference has been designed by Syria, to determine the transition of Lebanon from a

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Phalange slams Jemayel

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter

The Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces Christian militia yesterday strongly attacked President Amin Jemayel's "submission" to Syrian dictates, and announced that it was taking "practical and organizational measures... to reinforce the Christian regions on the economic, social and security levels."

In making the announcement in an official communique, the

Lebanese Forces Command Council appeared to indicate that it intended taking practical measures to establish some form of autonomous canton in the Maronite heartland north of Beirut.

The communique called on "all Christian leaderships and popular forces to gather round the resistance in a unified Christian position that will guarantee freedom, security and dignity to the Christians."

U.S. regrets abrogation

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. said yesterday it regretted Lebanon's decision to scrap its troop withdrawal and security agreement with Israel.

It said those responsible for rejecting the accord bore the responsibility of finding another formula for securing Israeli withdrawal.

But a statement read by State Department spokesman John Hughes also said: "The United States does not intend to abandon the people or the legitimate government of Lebanon."

He said the U.S. would continue to take "all appropriate measures" to ensure American personnel and property in Lebanon were protected.

Hughes noted Lebanon had said it had cancelled the May 17, 1983 agreement that Secretary of State George Shultz had helped negotiate.

"We regret this decision," Hughes said. "That proposed agree-

ment still represents the only agreed formula for ensuring both Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon and Israel's legitimate security interests in a manner consistent with Lebanese sovereignty."

"Lebanon needs peaceful, cooperative relations with all its neighbours," Hughes said. "Those who were responsible for the rejection of the agreement must now bear the responsibility to find an alternative negotiated formula to bring about Israeli withdrawal."

He said the U.S. would contribute to diplomatic efforts aimed at ending the fighting in Lebanon and reaching a political solution to the country's conflicts.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said last night that Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld will from now on work only part time on Middle East affairs. The rest of the time, Rumsfeld will be in Chicago attending to his business commitments, Speakes said.

French soldier killed by rocket

BEIRUT. — A French soldier was killed yesterday when a rocket hit his position close to the "green line" between Eastern and Western Beirut, a French military spokesman said.

Captain Jean-Yves Blouin said the rocket landed in woods behind the French military headquarters at a crossing-point supervised by

French troops.

Also in Beirut yesterday, a gunman shot and wounded a U.S. marine colonel.

Local radios and militia sources reported minor violations on the front lines in Beirut and the nearby mountains, where Shi'ite and Druse militias have been fighting almost daily battles with the army.

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The government expects the IDF to submit new policy options for South Lebanon, following the Lebanese government's abrogation yesterday of the agreement with Israel.

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy held out the prospect of a redeployment by the IDF. The cabinet, he said, would discuss the possibilities — "in my opinion soon." The new deployment should "avoid our being stuck in a hostile civilian population" and at the same time should provide the IDF with the capacity "to deter (terrorist action), to prevent and to react if necessary."

It was simplistic, Levy said, to think in bald terms of picking up and getting out of Lebanon. That was not in prospect. There had to be, though, "a middle course — ensuring a minimum of danger for our troops and a maximum of potential to deter and to react."

Official Jerusalem reacted bitterly when the news came through from Beirut of the formal abrogation announcement. A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office accused Syria of "forcing Lebanon to surrender to a dictate which is tantamount to a death-sentence on Lebanese independence."

The statement said that since Lebanon had proved "unable to fulfil its international commitments and to prevent South Lebanon from becoming once again a base for terrorism, Israel, on its own, will find suitable means of protecting its security."

Government officials said this

meant Israel was no longer committed to the limitations and restrictions it had taken on itself in the May 17 agreement, and would now seek security arrangements in the south without regard to the May 17 provisions.

The officials stressed, though, that Israel still desired and intended to withdraw from all of South Lebanon — once such security arrangements proved effective. There has been no revision or erosion of this fundamental policy aim, they said.

The officials could not explain, however, what they meant by "security arrangements" given that efforts to woo the local Shi'ites into setting up anti-terrorist militias have failed.

Indeed, the formal abrogation of the agreement by Beirut, though not unexpected, seems to have deepened the confusion and uncertainty affecting the Israel government as it contemplates the collapse of its Lebanon policy.

Official spokesman asserted yesterday that there was no point... in a renegotiating security arrangements with Lebanon. The Jemayel government had proved incapable of honouring the earlier agreement and there was little prospect of its being able to implement a new accord, these spokesmen contended.

Yet, among key policymakers, there was as anticipation of a renewed dialogue soon with the Lebanese government.

Labour opposition leader Shimon Peres meanwhile called for Israel to implement the security aspects of the May 17 agreement "unilaterally — and at once."

In media interviews, Peres listed

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Begin: Lebanon will pay for ending pact

In a rare break in his self-imposed silence, former Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that Lebanon would suffer more from abrogating its agreement with Israel than this country would.

"I have no doubt that this is a negative development for Lebanon as well as for Israel. In essence, Lebanon has put itself entirely in the hands of the Syrians, and the future will show that this will damage Lebanon very seriously," Begin said in an Israeli radio interview.

Asked whether Israel should negotiate with Syria on security arrangements, Begin said "Negotiations should be held with anyone willing to negotiate. The Syrians do not want to hold any negotiations with us. That's the reality."

Begin said in response to another question that Israel has no desire to partition Lebanon, but added "The whole world knows that we have a problem with the security of the north of the country. We have to take care of this. If the government said it will take care of this, we can trust that an announcement."

Air Force bombs PLO terror base

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israeli aircraft twice attacked terrorist positions near Aley, east of Beirut yesterday.

According to an announcement from the army spokesman, the planes attacked a three-storey building that served the terrorists as an operations base. The first attack came in the early morning, the second, at exactly the same site, later in the afternoon. The spokesman reported "accurate hits" in both cases.

The raids were not a response to attacks wounding 15 Israeli soldiers in Southern Lebanon on Sunday, according to military sources, but were "part and parcel

of Israel's ongoing policy of preventing terrorist infiltration into the Shouf (Mountains)."

Apparently Israeli defence officials are worried about reports that since September, when Israel pulled out of the Shouf, more than 1,000 terrorists have re-entered the area, and are in advanced stages of setting up a para military infrastructure there.

Israel does not want any significant terrorist presence within artillery range of Beirut, nor deployed along the strategically important Beirut-Damascus highway.

The building hit yesterday was a command post for several rejectionist factions of the PLO.

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Sidon merchants: Closure of port hurts

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The IDF kept Sidon port closed yesterday, and officers said it would remain closed until the identification of those responsible for carrying out bomb attacks on Sunday in which 11 soldiers were wounded.

Merchants in the city complained to the military authorities that the closure was hurting business.

The IDF stopped several ships from entering the port. It is understood that they made for Beirut in

stead. Yesterday dozens of merchants and fishermen held meetings in the town asking the IDF to open the port. Thousands of handbills called on residents to reject the terrorists as damaging the town by their actions.

Eleven soldiers hurt in the Sidon blasts and in another attack on the eastern front were still hospitalized yesterday in Haifa's Rambam hospital.

The condition of one man remained critical.

Hart upsets Mondale again in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine. — Presidential hopeful Gary Hart won his second upset victory in a week over Walter Mondale by beating the former vice president in Maine's Democratic caucuses. Colorado Senator Hart captured 50.2 per cent of the votes cast to Mondale's 43.4 per cent.

"We've pulled off a miracle of some sort," said Hart, who stunned Mondale a week ago by winning the New Hampshire primary. "We have brought the Mondale juggernaut to its knees."

Hart won in Maine despite four days of around-the-clock work by Mondale's top campaign staff.

Despite endorsements from the state's governor and top legislators, Mondale failed to stem the support for Hart that has been growing since New Hampshire. Democrats turned to Hart as the champions of other Democratic presidential contenders collapsed.

Hart's victory was expected to help him today in a non-binding primary in Vermont.

It was also seen by both campaigns as crucial to "super Tuesday" on March 13, when nine states will hold caucuses or primaries.

In a drastic switch in plans, Hart was to fly south last night and cam-

paign in Alabama, Florida and Georgia until Friday. Hart had made only a token effort in the South until his New England victories.

The day after Hart won in New Hampshire, Mondale challenged him to campaign throughout the South, where Mondale was regarded as the favourite and had spent a long time building an organization.

After the Maine vote, Mondale tried to diminish the damage to his campaign, saying "We have stopped Hart's momentum. Three days ago our polls showed we were very, very far behind." (Reuters, AP)

50-million-year-old water found by Soviets

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet scientists have found a drop of water they estimate to be 50 million years old and hope that study of its content will yield additional data about ancient times. Radio Moscow said yesterday.

The radio said that the drop of water was "conserved in a small prism of rock crystal found by geologists" in the Pamir Mountains in central Asia.

The age of the water, estimated at 50 million years, was determined by evaluating the age of the crystal, the radio said. It gave no further information about the find.

Near-total strike looms at gov't hospitals

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government hospitals representing about one-third of the country's hospital facilities will operate on an emergency basis from tomorrow morning if their 13,000 service and administrative workers carry out a threat to strike.

Planning to strike are food and laundry workers, clerical and housekeeping staff and all nurses except for a few senior personnel who will provide emergency services in intensive care units, labour and delivery rooms and dialysis units.

In previous strikes employees permitted only enough work to keep hospitals running on a sabbath footing. This time, they say that most employees will not work.

The workers are demanding two years' retroactive payment of a four per cent salary increment which they say was promised them to bring their salaries into line with those in the Histadrut's Kupat Holim hospitals.

According to Yitzhak Shomron, senior aide to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, the ministry may ask the court to issue back-to-work orders if employees and the govern-

ment fail to come to an agreement. Bella Safra, chairman of the Government Nurses' Union, said that the 5,000 nurses who will be striking also demand a committee to study differences in working conditions between government-employed nurses and their counterparts in Kupat Holim hospitals.

She said this committee was promised in 1972 but has never been appointed.

Ronnie Shalem, chairman of the Hospital Workers' Committee, said last night that if the government seeks back-to-work orders he will go to court and attempt to convince the judge that the strike is justified.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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	MIN.	MAX.	C	F	Clouds
AMSTERDAM	1	34	7	45	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	0	32	7	46	Cloudy
BUNDES AIRL.	4	35	10	50	Clear
CHICAGO	0	32	10	50	Clear
COFFENHAGEN	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	0	32	10	50	Clear
GENEVA	1	30	10	50	Cloudy
HELSINKI	1	30	10	50	Cloudy
HONG KONG	15	68	18	64	Cloudy
LUXEMBURG	16	61	28	82	Clear
LONDON	7	45	11	52	Cloudy
MADRID	0	32	10	50	Clear
MUNICH	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
NEW YORK	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
OSLO	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
PARIS	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	70	27	80	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	20	68	22	72	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1	30	10	50	Cloudy
TOKYO	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
TORONTO	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
VIENNA	0	32	10	50	Cloudy
ZURICH	1	30	10	50	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecasts: Fair to partly cloudy

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	34	10-19	20
Golan	56	6-18	20
Nahariya	69	7-17	18
Safed	68	13-18	20
Haifa Port	58	8-21	23
Tiberias	49	9-19	21
Nazareth	57	5-21	23
Afula	58	7-21	23
Shomron	60	10-19	21
Be'er Sheva	53	7-22	24
Be'er Sheva	33	11-18	26
Gaza	72	7-21	30
Be'er Sheva	46	7-21	30
Eilat	27	13-29	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Speaker of the Knesset Menachem Begin yesterday greeted Christian Lenzner, member of the Council of Europe, and Ioannis Boutos, member of the Greek parliament.

Nobel Prize laureate U.S. economist Paul Samuelson yesterday visited the Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest outside Jerusalem.

The U.S. naval attaché, David Wilbourne, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy.

Patt: Free trade pact with U.S. this year

Talks between Israel and the U.S. on setting up a free trade zone between the two countries are proceeding as planned, Trade Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday.

He added that he expected an agreement to be signed by the end of the year.

Patt was speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport, on his return from talks in Washington. The next round of bilateral talks are scheduled for March 21, in Washington, he said.

Some U.S. industrialists were opposed to the agreement, he said, but so far none of the giant corporations had come out against it.

Before his American visit, Patt was in Romania, discussing ways to increase trade with that country.

Maccabi wins first game 88-82 against Hapoel Haifa

Maccabi Tel Aviv moved one step closer to another shot at the Israeli national basketball title when they defeated Hapoel Haifa 88-82 in the first of their best of three semi-final league play-off games at Yad Eliahu Stadium last night.

The match was an exciting affair and evenly balanced until the closing minutes when Maccabi drew clear, thanks mainly to an impressive display by their captain Lou Silver who ended with 18 points.

Hapoel Tel Aviv leads 1:0 Hapoel Ramat Gan 1:0 in their semi-final.

FALASHA. — The first public screening of the award-winning Canadian documentary film, *Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews*, will take place at 11 this morning at Beit Agron in Jerusalem.

Reagan's Holocaust story questioned

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — The Washington Post yesterday questioned the accuracy of a story about President Reagan's reported involvement in filming Holocaust atrocities — a story recently told by both Prime Minister Shamir and Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal.

Shamir and Wiesenthal met separately in recent weeks with Reagan. Both later spoke of having been impressed by a previously undisclosed reminiscence by Reagan about the Nazi camps.

Reagan was said to have told how he had served as a photographer in a U.S. Army unit assigned to film the camps. According to Shamir, the president also said he had saved a copy of the film because he believed that, in time, people would question what had happened. Many years later, as Shamir recalled being told, Reagan was asked by a member of his family whether the Holocaust occurred.

"That moment I thought," Shamir quoted Reagan as having said, "this is the time for which I saved the film, so I showed it to a group of people who couldn't believe their eyes. From then on, I was concerned for the Jewish people."

The Washington Post quoted cabinet secretary Dan Meridor as confirming the Shamir account which was reported in Israel in early December. A similar account was later related by Wiesenthal.

But Lou Cannon, the newspaper's White House correspondent, who has written two biographies of Reagan, questioned that particular story, saying Reagan never left the U.S. during the war.

He asked White House Chief of Staff James Baker to raise the matter with Reagan, who confirmed that he had never left the U.S. and never told anyone that he did.

HOME NEWS

MKs denounce grave desecration

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset members were unanimous yesterday in denouncing the criminals who stole the remains of Teresa Engelovitz from the Rishon LeZion Jewish cemetery and deposited them in a Moslem cemetery in Ramle. Nine of the 11 speakers demanded that the remains be re-interred in the original grave.

The two MKs who did not demand reburial were Rabbi Menachem Hacohen (Alignment) and Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party). They maintained that the burial of a non-Jewish body in a Jewish cemetery was a Halachic question and could only be decided by the chief rabbin.

But Tami leader Benzion Rubin, formerly of the NRP, agreed with the opposition speakers who said that the grave-robbers must not be permitted to get away with their *faux* accompli. Teresa Engelovitz must be returned to her grave with all due dignity, Rubin said.

The Knesset postponed until today its vote on draft resolutions at the conclusion of the debate, in deference to the High Court of Justice, which is scheduled to rule this morning on the petition of Adina Harpaz, Engelovitz's daughter, for an order that her mother's remains be re-interred in her original grave. Harpaz followed yesterday's debate from the VIP gallery of the Knesset.

Yesterday's debate was initiated three months ago by Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM). Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor explained yesterday that he had agreed to the request of Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg to put off the debate, since the matter was pending before the High Court. But after the body-snatching, Savidor decided to put it on yesterday's agenda.

Aloni said it might be necessary to establish regional civil cemeteries, where anyone who wished could be buried with dignity without giving the rabbinate an opportunity to disqualify them.

A private member's bill to this effect was submitted yesterday to the Knesset Secretariat by Elazar Granot (Alignment-Mapam). Hacohen said that the Knesset must beg forgiveness of Teresa Engelovitz and her family for the desecration of her grave.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) said that anyone who claimed to have been shocked by the body-snatching but did not follow that with a call for the return of the body to its grave "hasn't said a thing."

Ben-Meir read out a resolution adopted by the NRP faction yesterday denouncing the grave robbery as an affront to the dignity of the dead and to the values of Judaism.

Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut) said that religious fanatics must be prevented from imposing their barbaric norms, and that anti-religious fanatics must be stopped from using this crime to launch an all-out war against the noble elements of Jewish tradition.

IN THE KNESSET/Asher Wallfish

Sarid: Sharon's lecture fees illegal

Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon is violating the Knesset Members' code of ethics, approved last November, MK Yossi Sarid (Labour) charged in a letter to Speaker Menachem Savidor yesterday.

Sarid wrote that although the code (paragraph 5, section 14) explicitly forbids an MK from lecturing for a fee to Jewish audiences abroad, Sharon had signed a contract with an American lecture bureau to give a lecture tour in the U.S.

(Sharon is under contract to Harry Walker, who works out of an office on New York's Fifth Avenue and distributes a catalogue of Israeli speakers. Harry Walker stars some speakers at a fee of \$5,000.)

Sarid wrote that although Sharon had put in no work as a Knesset member, he continued to draw his salary while abroad, supplementing this by handsome fees from his foreign lectures.

He wrote that Sharon's tours to make money would be a test-case of the Knesset's readiness to apply the new code of ethics.

Immigrant housing
Yehuda Domnitz, director-

general of the Jewish Agency immigration department, made a scathing attack yesterday on the Housing Ministry and the Absorption Ministry over housing for new immigrants.

Domnitz told the Knesset Aliya Committee that the Absorption Ministry had adopted "the anti-immigration policy carried out by the Housing Ministry."

Domnitz charged that the two Ministries' policies made it impossible to offer immigrants apartments built by public companies; ignored the true needs of the immigrants; and left the absorption centres crammed with immigrants who would otherwise have found permanent housing. Chairman Uzi Baram said he would invite the two ministers to appear at the committee.

Jewish terror
Two Alignment MKs have written to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir asking him to have the TNT (Terror Against Terror) underground declared a terrorist organization.

Dov Zakai (Mapam) and Shulamit Aloni (CRM) said that once TNT was proclaimed a ter-

rorist group, the 1948 Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance would enable the security agencies to fight TNT and its adjuncts more effectively.

They said the ambush shooting this week of an Arab bus was the straw which had broken the camel's back after a long series of attacks against churches and mosques for which TNT had claimed responsibility.

Enquiry sought

A Labour MK wrote to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday asking for a state commission of enquiry into the government's conduct of the war in Lebanon. Michael Bar-Zohar said that the IDF casualty rate was higher than warranted, mainly because of "the systematic deceit by the prime minister (Menachem Begin) and the defence minister (Ariel Sharon), the way the objectives of the campaign were changed, and the way the prime minister and the defence minister bypassed cabinet decisions."

Bar-Zohar said the victims of the Begin-Sharon "deceit" were "the Israeli public, cabinet ministers, opposition leaders and heads of foreign states."

GOVT LOOKS

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These aspects as:

- Aerial overflights and coastal patrols by the navy; these, he said, could be performed unilaterally.
- The deployment of monitoring facilities in South Lebanon to function after the IDF withdraws; this too could be done by Israel without reference to any other factor.
- The strengthening of local defence units based on the Christian militia of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad; this, Peres said, could be achieved "in a short time."

The IDF should then pull back beyond the international border, Peres urged. It should warn clearly that if the PLO re-entered South Lebanon Israel would return to drive them out, and then withdraw again across the border.

The IDF was not a garrison army, Peres said. Its defensive strategy should be based on obliquity. Security in South Lebanon should be achieved by "remote control — not by physical presence in the area."

Menachem Horowitz adds:
Residents of Kiryat Shmona reacted with some trepidation yesterday to the news from Beirut.

"This is the first step by Lebanese President Jemayel to distance himself from Israel and support Syria. Here people have an uncomfortable feeling," said Deputy Mayor Shmuel Ohana.

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Arafat fails in Glasgow
LONDON. — PLO leader Yasser Arafat was decisively defeated yesterday in the elections for rector of Glasgow University, finishing fourth out of five candidates.

The winner in the election was Lord Provost of Glasgow, Dr. Michael Kelly.



Busy lines! The intricacies of Tel Aviv's telephone exchange on display in Rehov Hashomer. (IPPA)

New W. Bank settlement established

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GUSH ETZION. — A new West Bank settlement was established on Sunday in the form of three tents and a barbed wire perimeter.

Shilo Gal, chairman of the Gush Etzion Regional Council, which put up the new settlement of Eruvin, said the government and other agencies had approved the settlement and budgeted money for building, but these agencies were delaying work on the project, so the settlers had decided to move ahead.

Sources close to the Council of Settlements in Judea and Samaria said yesterday that Eruvin was established purely on the initiative of the Gush Etzion Regional Council.

Eruvin, with a name similar to nearby Ein Arube and the Arube refugee camp, is on a hilltop bet-

ween Beit Omar and Halhoul, about six kilometers south of Gush Etzion. Gal said that only state land has been used for the settlement. But Arab neighbours on the Hebron-Jerusalem road said yesterday that six dunams of their land had been expropriated to build the road that leads to the settlement.

Members of the Hanichein family, whose houses straddle a small bottleneck at the beginning of the road to the settlement, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they fear their homes will be expropriated to clear the bottleneck.

It was unclear last night how many people are expected to live in Eruvin. Gal talked about plans for 150 families, while settlers on the site said 80 families would live on the 110 dunam plot. The husband in each family will be a member of the

kolel (department for married students), of Har Etzion yeshiva.

Yisrael Bruchin, a council official, said yesterday that the settlers had decided to move to the hilltop now because Palestinians were "biting away at our land." He pointed to a ploughed area near the settlement and claimed that it was first cultivated when the Palestinians in this area learned of the plans to build Eruvin.

Near the entrance to Eruvin, Hussein Hanichein said: "This means that the era of fear has started. Once they build something they will probably want more."

His nephew, Omar Hanichein, was also gloomy. He said that they had first heard of the plans to build Eruvin four months ago and appealed to the civilian government, "but even the official they promised to send here didn't show up."

PORAT QUILTS

According to sources close to Porat and to Matzud MK Haim Druckman, who is also participating in the negotiations, the agreement-in-making is on the formation of a new party and not a return by Porat to the NRP.

Porat has suggested the name "Urim" for this new political entity, and others have been talking of "Tora and Zion."

Its slate of candidates would no longer be headed by Burg and his rival, Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer. According to Porat circles, the new party would have an executive, half of which would be composed of Gush Emonim and Matzud representatives, and the other half drawn from what is today the NRP.

The new men at the top, according to this version, would all be hawks from either the Gush and its sympathizers or from Matzud. The Porat group envision the first four on the slate as including Kiryat Shmona chief Rabbi Zefania Drori, Porat, Yosef Shapira of Matzud and Druckman. Lamifne would only get the fifth slot and the best Hammer could hope for would be seventh place.

Such a scenario is ridiculed in Lamifne, and even talk that Burg has finally stated his readiness to retire is denied. Burg himself said yesterday that all that was discussed

was that veteran MKs would be required to muster a larger percentage of support in the party convention.

Lamifne negotiators spurn all talk of a new party. As they see it, they are bringing the party's long-lost sons back home. All talk of a platform that would include maximalist policies and advocate total Israeli control in the territories is also rejected. Burg speaks of a pluralist party in which religion would be the unifying factor.

This, coupled with Lamifne's membership including doves such as Raphael Ben-Natan and MK Avraham Melamed and its alliance with former MK David Glass, makes the match with Porat seem all the more bizarre. To many of Porat's critics in Gush Emonim, the "latter predator" that Porat will find himself out of the Yehiya but unable to achieve his goal of uniting religious Jewry around a new nationalist banner in a new party.

Most of Gush Emonim appears to be opposed to Porat's move and criticism of him was expressed by all the Gush representatives at the last Yehiya secretariat meeting. But a small number are nevertheless teaming up with him. They include Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron and his side Nathan Nathanson.

There is also discord in Matzud where Druckman and Shapira are each claiming leadership of the party.

LEBANON'S ABROGATION

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western-oriented Maronite-dominated country, to a clearly Arab-oriented state, dominated by Syria, in which the Moslem majority will have a much more central political role, and the Maronite minority a correspondingly smaller one, than at any time in the recent past.

Jemayel's attempt to resist Syria's efforts to impose this design on Lebanon led to the suspension of the first National Reconciliation Conference in Geneva last November. At that time, Jemayel relied on America's support for his regime and the treaty it was instrumental in hammering out with Israel last May.

But President Reagan's decision to withdraw the marines from Lebanon last month deprived Jemayel of his sole support, in resisting Syria's demands, particularly following the collapse of his army in last month's crucial battles with his Druse and Shi'ite opponents.

And last week, he capitulated to Assad in Damascus, with yesterday's abrogation of the May 17 pact merely the formal concession of a historic surrender.

The national reconciliation process now about to begin in Switzerland is unlikely to be rapid. Many potential crises are in the offing as the various Moslem factions fight for their shares of the spoils in the face of tough Maronite resistance to give up what they have come to consider their birthright.

But with Syria physically present at the conference, probably in the person of Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who represented Damascus last November there can be little doubt of the final shape Lebanon will take.

There is considerably less certainty about the future of southern Lebanon. Yesterday's cabinet statement made it plain that Lebanon is open to an arrangement with Israel there to safeguard its security concerns along its northern border.

But the statement made it equally plain that any such arrangement must receive Syrian and Arab approval by honouring Lebanese sovereignty. This would rule out any continued physical Israeli presence in southern Lebanon as envisioned under the May 17 accord.

The most likely proposed basis for any new arrangement, although this was not hinted at in yesterday's statement, would be the 1949 General Armistice Agreement between the two countries.

This would pass muster with Damascus, which has indicated in the past that it is not oblivious of Israel's security concerns in Southern Lebanon.

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Court ruling to be sought on 'Hadashot'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut will take legal action to force the management of the new daily newspaper *Hadashot* to abide by the collective wage agreement signed by the private employers' association and the Printing Workers Union.

The tabloid's management has insisted on signing personal agreements with its staff.

Oded Kalamaro, the labour federation's legal adviser, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he would ask the Labour Court to rule that an order by the minister of labour applying the printers' collective wage agreement to all printing presses also binds *Hadashot*.

Kalamaro said he expected to present the appeal in a few days.

The National Federation of Israeli Journalists and the Histadrut have opposed the new paper because of its insistence on personal agreements with staffers. These agreements could serve as precedents for other papers and thus destroy the unions.

The National Federation has expelled seven members from its ranks for joining *Hadashot*. A statement the union issued yesterday quoted these reporters as being "surprised" at their summary expulsion.

Some reporters told the union they intended to force publisher Amos Schocken to join the collective wage agreement between the publishers and the Journalists Federation. Dan Almagor won back his membership after convincing the union that a *Hadashot* report that he had joined the paper was untrue.

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Soviets said launching new Afghan offensive

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Soviet troops have launched a major offensive against the strategic Panjshir Valley, one of the main strongholds of Afghanistan's Moslem guerrillas, a leading resistance group in Peshawar said yesterday.

Quoting a letter from Panjshir commander Ahmad Masood, a spokesman for his Jamiat-I-Islami group said that Soviet commando troops had landed from 120 transport helicopters at Najrab Village on February 28.

The Soviet Union had also sent 300 light tanks to the village, which controls the main supply route into the Panjshir, he told Reuters by telephone from Peshawar.

The Panjshir Valley, north of Kabul, overlooks the main highway between the Afghan capital and the

Soviet Union.

"This attack is the introduction to a big attack on the Panjshir," spokesman Abdul Rahim Masood said in his letter, dated March 2. It arrived in Peshawar on Sunday night.

The letter, written on a scrap of paper, said residents of the valley were now preparing to meet a sustained attack.

"The process of evacuating families from the Panjshir Valley is going on at high speed," Masood said. He appealed to the Jamiat headquarters in Peshawar for shoes, clothing and money to help the refugees.

He did not say how many Soviet troops were in Najrab, a tiny village south of the Panjshir. Each of the 120 helicopters he mentioned can carry 32 soldiers.

Encircled island focus of possible Iran peace move

BAHRAIN. — The oil-rich Majnoon Island in the marshlands of southeast Iraq yesterday appeared a likely target of Iraqi attack as it assumed possible political significance in the 41-month-old Gulf War.

Foreign newsmen quoted Maj. Gen. Hisham Sabah al-Fakhri, commander of the East Tigris Force, as saying Iraqi troops had encircled the island — occupied by Iran in recent fighting — on three sides.

A senior Iranian official on Sunday predicted fierce fighting in the area as Iraq sought to retake the island, estimated to hold billions of barrels of recoverable crude oil.

But Hujatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian parliament, also indicated Iran

might consider cession of the island to Iran in settlement of its demand for war reparations from Iraq.

Teheran has demanded \$150 billion in reparations to cover material losses sustained by Iran in the first two years after Iraq invaded it in September, 1980.

In remarks reported by the Iranian National News Agency (Irna), he quoted unnamed Arab officials as saying another \$100b. would cover further damages in the third and fourth years of the conflict.

Diplomats say Iraq, its economy badly hit by the cost of the war and a slump in its oil exports, would be unable to meet the reparations demand.

But Rafsanjani, Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's spokesman on the

Supreme Defence Council, appeared to signal willingness to consider peace talks a week ago when he said Teheran was open to new proposals, they said.

Teheran could now be signalling readiness to accept cession of Majnoon Island in settlement of its reparations claim, although Iraq would be unlikely to readily agree, they said.

Controversy meanwhile continued over Iranian accusations that Iraq has been using chemical weapons in the fighting on the southern front, which Baghdad has denied.

Al-Fakhri told reporters Iraq had no chemical weapons, but said: "We are going to use all available means at our disposal to defend our dignity and honour," the reporters

told Reuters.

Iran says some 1,000 Iranian troops and civilians have been injured in the past two weeks by chemical weapons that it says were supplied to Iraq by Britain.

Teheran has asked the UN to inspect what it called Iraq's use of chemical weapons on civilian areas, Irna reported on Sunday night.

In another development, an Indian-owned cargo ship was hit by a missile, apparently fired by Iraq, in the Gulf last week, Indian government and company officials said yesterday. No casualties were reported.

The Calcutta-registered vessel was "badly damaged" but apparently did not sink, government spokesman Salman Haider said. (Reuters, AP)

Sports

Navratilova surely supreme

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Martina Navratilova continued her mastery over arch rival Chris Evert-Lloyd with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 victory in the final of the \$500,000 women's indoor circuit tennis play-offs here Sunday night. This was her ninth consecutive victory over Lloyd and the 12th in their last 13 meetings. Navratilova landed the biggest prize in the history of women's tennis — \$125,000, Lloyd making off with \$60,000 after the first best-of-five-sets women's match in 82 years.

"It was the most gruelling match that I have ever played against her," said Navratilova after the one hour 52 minutes final at Madison Square Garden, which narrowed Lloyd's career winning record over Navratilova to 30-27.

Navratilova, who did not lose a set in her matches for the title (equivalent of the men's Masters) fought back from a break down in the second set and went on to win 10 of the last 12 games. Apart from her usual net dominance a surprising feature of the championship play was the way she also outlasted Lloyd from the baseline.

Navratilova also won the doubles in union with Pam Shriver who took third spot in the single by defeating another American Barbara Potter 6-4, 7-6.

In Madrid, John McEnroe gave an almost unruffled display of power and skill in hammering Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid 6-0, 6-4 in the final of the \$200,000 Grand Prix event.

The 26-year-old Czech fought back bravely in the second set and managed to smother McEnroe who received a warning when he smashed a ball across the court in a fit of temper after losing one point. But McEnroe recovered his temper and took to break Smid's serve and win the match.

McEnroe also won the doubles in partnership with Peter Fleming. They defeated Swedish and Yugoslav 6-3, 6-3.

Early results from the Belgian indoor championships — Hank Pfister beat fellow American Brian Teacher 6-2, 7-5 and Helga Garmisch of Switzerland upset American Mel Purcell 6-4, 6-1.

Kareem edges up Ewitt's record

NEW YORK (AP). — It was a trademark sky hook that kept Kareem Abdul-Jabbar soaring upward. He had to share scoring honours with teammate Magic Johnson at 29 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 118-114 Sunday night with 10:49 left in the third period that enabled the big fellow to crack the 30,000-point plateau — he now has 31,015 — and move closer to Wilt Chamberlain's all-time National Basketball Association record of 31,419.

"It's hard to talk about — what can I say?" Abdul-Jabbar said. "It's something that's just a part of me. And until it's something that's really a part of me, I can't really say about it."

In the only other games, the Boston Celtics whipped the Seattle SuperSonics 117-93 and the Philadelphia 76ers downed the San Diego Clippers 127-122.

Aussies seize initiative over WI

GEORGETOWN (Reuters). — Australia seized a narrow advantage over West Indies and opened up the possibility of a compelling finish to the first Cricket Test.

Fast bowlers Geoff Lawson and Rodney Hogg made the inroads and left arm spinner Tom Hogan cut through the middle order as the Aussie dismissed West Indies for 230 to gain a first innings lead of 49. Australia extended their overall lead to 72 by making 23 without loss in their second innings at the close of the third day. There are two days left.

Yesterday was a rest day in Karachi when Pakistan play England. — Scores: England 192 and 56-3; Pakistan 77.

In Hawaii, the touring Young Lions beat Zimabwe by eight wickets in a three day game.

Zimbabwe 222 and 118; Young Lions 292 and 49 for 2.

Lucky break

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP). — Bruce Lietzke converted a lucky bounce off a mound on the 18th hole into a playoff berth then beat Andy Bean in sudden death for the Title Sunday of the Honda golf classic here.

Lietzke, out of action much of the season with a pulled chest muscle, won it with a terrific, 32-yard putt on the first playoff hole after Bean had squandered his lead for 17 holes and driven into trouble.

Both had finished the 72 holes in 286.

Nancy Lopez, appearing poised to reclaim her position as the dominant player in women's golf, counted to a three-stroke victory in the \$300,000 United Invitational event in Costa Mesa, California.

Lopez maintained a comfortable margin over runner-up Pat Bradley and finished with scores of 70-74-66-74, equalling par of 74 on the tricky course.

New Mr. Baseball

TAMPA, Florida (AP). — Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, was named Commissioner of Baseball by the 26 major league owners yesterday.

Ueberroth succeeds Bowie Kuhn, who has served as commissioner of North American professional baseball's Major Leagues since February 4, 1969.

Shortstop Pete Rose and catcher Rick Ferrell have been named to baseball's Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee.

They will be inducted into the baseball shrine in Cooperstown, New York, in August along with singer Hank Williams, shortstop Lou Gehrig, and pitcher Don Drysdale, who was earlier elected by the Baseball Writers Association of America in January.

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KGB killer given asylum in South Africa in 1968

DURBAN (AP). — A former high-ranking Soviet secret agent and assassin was given asylum in South Africa in 1968 and is living in the country under a new identity, South Africa's retired police commissioner says.

The *Natal Mercury* said yesterday that General Mike Geldenhuys, who retired last year as head of the police, disclosed the story of Bogdan Stashinsky in a series of exclusive interviews.

Stashinsky defected from East Germany in 1961 and confessed to the murders in Munich of two Ukrainian emigres, Dr. Lev Rebet, in 1957, and Stefan Bandera, two years later. After interrogation by European and U.S. intelligence, he was tried by a West German court and sentenced to eight years hard labour.

It was clear that Stashinsky's life

would be in danger from other KGB agents after his release, Geldenhuys said, and that asylum in Europe or the U.S. would be risky.

"In the meantime, we were approached by the West German security service and asked to give this man asylum in South Africa because they were convinced it was the only country where he would be comparatively safe from KGB agents," Geldenhuys said.

He added that Stashinsky "was able to supply our intelligence service with a vast amount of invaluable information on the structure and operations of the Russian secret service."

Stashinsky, now 52, underwent extensive cosmetic surgery and was given a new family background. Some time later he married a Durban woman.

Mandela release reportedly considered

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The leader of the Transkei homeland government declined comment yesterday on reports that jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela had been offered freedom if he would agree to live in the black homeland.

Mandela, serving a life sentence on a sabotage conviction, turned down release on similar conditions in the mid-1970s.

His daughter, Zinzi, confirmed that her mother, Winnie, had been to see Transkei President Kaizer Matanzima last week, apparently to discuss some kind of proposal for Mandela's release. But she said she knew no other details.

Matanzima said through a spokesman that the matter was con-

fidential and there would be no public comment.

Mrs. Mandela, who is banned and restricted to the town of Brandfont in the Orange Free State, could not be reached for comment.

The 61-year-old Mandela, who has served 21 years in prison, remains a key symbol for black South Africans in the struggle to end white minority rule.

Mandela is a cousin of Matanzima, but has long resisted South Africa's policy of creating independent black homelands, such as Transkei where the blacks have been forced to live.

Transkei is one of four homelands declared independent by South Africa. None is recognized abroad. The six other tribal homelands have self-governing status.

Jet-age 'Battle of Britain' under way

LONDON (AP). — A large NATO air defence exercise began yesterday with hundreds of NATO warplanes staging mock attacks on British air, missile and radar bases to test this country's air defences.

Combat planes from nine allied countries, including the U.S., West Germany and Canada, will mount more than 900 separate sorties against the Royal Air Force in the three-day exercise.

The RAF will put over 200 planes in the air, more than at any time since World War II when its fighter pilots in propeller-driven Spitfires and Hurricanes defeated Hitler's Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain in 1940.

The British Phantom F-4 and Lightning interceptors will be backed by Danish F-104s, U.S. Navy F-14 Tomcats, U.S. Air Force F-5s and NATO's E-3A early warning radar planes, said an RAF spokesman.

"Enemy" forces will comprise West German F-104s, Tornados and Alpha jets, Canadian CF-104s operating from Dutch bases, French Mirage F-1s, F-104s and Jaguars, Belgian Mirage F-5s and F-16 Falcons, Dutch F-5s and F-16s and Norwegian Falcons.

Targets range from radar bases in the remote Shetland and Hebrides islands off Scotland to RAF bases in southern England.

Over 99% turnout in uncontested Soviet vote

MOSCOW (AP). — About 99 per cent of Soviet voters cast their ballots in uncontested national parliamentary elections on Sunday. The elections are held every five years.

The estimated 175 million eligible Soviet voters are not legally required to go to the polls, but those who don't face censure at their

workplaces or schools, and turnout has exceeded 90 per cent for the last 40 years.

Evening broadcasts on government television said the turnout was 99.5 per cent in the Russian Republic, which includes Moscow and is the most populous of the Soviet republics. Similar high turnouts were reported elsewhere.

European rocket blasts to fore of space market

PARIS (Reuters). — The European Space Agency's Ariane rocket underlined its claim as a major contender in the booming commercial space market yesterday when a perfect launch put the world's largest civilian telecommunications satellite into orbit.

The gleaming 42-metre-high rocket blasted off from its jungle launchpad in French Guiana on schedule at 0050 GMT and afterwards a jubilant agency official at the tracking station at Evry near Paris told Reuters: "Superb. The

best-ever launch. No breaks, no incidents, the countdown was perfect."

Some 16 minutes after lift-off, the 1,870 kilogram Intelsat V/F-8 orbiter, capable of handling 12,000 simultaneous telephone calls and two colour television channels, separated from the rocket.

It will be nudged into a fixed orbit 185 kilometres above the earth over the next few days.

The launch was the eighth in the Ariane series, and followed last October's successful launch of another

V-series orbiter for the 108-nation Washington-based International Satellite Telecommunications Organization.

Yesterday's launch, in perfect weather, delighted European Space Agency (ESA) officials because they were able to use the first of three available "windows" in space, unlike last October when a technical hitch delayed attempts to hit the first slot.

A "window" represents the optimum chance for the launcher to

put the satellite in the correct position for its orbit.

Ariane's success follows the failure of the two satellites launched by the last U.S. space shuttle mission.

Deputy technical director of the Ariane launch programme Daniel Mounier said: "Now it has become a routine for us. We have acquired the industrial technique. Had the wind been stronger, we could not have launched, but weather conditions were perfect for this time of the year."

"This was the best launch we have ever had," he added.

A spokesman for ArianeSpace, the commercial organization set up to market Ariane as a commercial launcher on behalf of the 11-nation ESA, said it now had a firm order book worth \$762 million.

"This represents 27 satellites for 14 different clients, and 40 per cent of them are outside Europe. We also have reservations for 18 satellites up to 1988-1989," the spokesman added.

Ariane's next launch is scheduled for May, when it will put up the Spacenet civil telecommunications satellite for a private U.S. customer.

In July a more powerful Ariane III rocket will put two satellites into orbit at once, both for European customers.

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Growing internal threat in Sudan

By COLIN LEGUM/London

THE THREAT to the Sudan's security has developed more rapidly than even the most pessimistic forecasts made a few months ago when President Jaafar Numeiri embarked on his policies of Islamization.

Discontent among the largely non-Muslim southerners goes much deeper than just over Numeiri's decision to introduce Sharia laws and to change the constitution to create an Islamic state. However, that decision contributed importantly to stirring up the revolt in the three southern provinces of Upper Nile, Equatoria and Bahr el Ghazal.

Following attacks on workers, the U.S. oil company, Chevron, withdrew from Bentiu in Upper Nile, and the French Total ended its oil exploration. Construction work on the ambitious Jonglei Canal — a joint Anglo-Egyptian project to improve the flow of the Nile by cutting a new channel through the swamps of the Sudd — has also been halted by the French contractors, Compagnie Centrale Internationale (CCI).

At the same time, the scale of fighting — especially in Upper Nile — is reaching battle proportions, with thousands already killed on both sides in a number of major engagements in the past few months.

Information is only now reaching the outside world about the nature of the rebel opposition movement. Hitherto, it was assumed that all the rebel activity was the work of the resuscitated Anyanya movement. Named after a deadly insect, the Anyanya had led a 17-year struggle for the autonomy of the South which began soon after Sudan's independence in 1956. That struggle was finally ended with signing of the Addis Ababa agreement in 1972; it gave Southern Sudan a considerable measure of autonomy.

TO EMPHASIZE the resumption of the earlier struggle, the leaders of the new revolt, at first, spoke of themselves as "Anyanya II." It now transpires that an entirely new political movement and fighting force have been created which are distinctly different from the Anyanya II rebel forces.

It is called the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement (SPLA) and its fighting force is the liberation army (SPLM). This new movement rejects the secessionist aims of Anyanya, and sees the fight against the Numeiri regime as "a national struggle" involving all Sudanese, irrespective of whether they are Muslims or Christians, northerners or southerners. It has appealed to all anti-Numeiri elements throughout the country to rise in support of their armed struggle to overthrow the present regime.

The SPLA is led by a young army officer, Col. John Garang de Mabior, who graduated as a doctor of economics from an American university. He is one of more than a score of senior officers who absconded from the national army, along with an estimated 2,000-3,000 privates.

This trained professional military force forms the core of the army that is being rapidly mobilized and trained in the South. The Khartoum regime alleges that they are being trained in Ethiopia.

The SPLA has appealed to the Anyanya II rebels to join them; many have done so, but by no means all. This has led to some difficulties between the rebel forces.

While SPLA policy is not to en-

gage in conflicts with Anyanya II supporters, they have made a number of punitive attacks against units who have looted villages and raped peasant women. The SPLA sees the Anyanya II rebels as a largely ill-disciplined force which is in need of proper training.

HOWEVER, the old secessionist feelings about a section of southerners still live on; the new idea of a 'national struggle' propounded by the SPLM is not yet accepted by all southerners. But anti-secessionist views are reported to be strong, especially among the younger, better-educated generation of southerners who, by all reports, are behind the SPLM. This young generation of southerners appears to be an important new political force in the country.

The most serious disagreement between the SPLM and Anyanya II is over the latter's recent attack against Chevron's camp in which three foreign contract workers were killed. The unit responsible for that attack has been rounded up by the SPLA for questioning and possible disciplinary action.

The SPLM's policy is not to harm any foreigners working in the South, and not to drive away the foreign firms engaged in developing the oil industry and building the Jonglei Canal. But they have attached conditions to their promise of security for those engaged in these projects.

Letters to Chevron, Total and CCI managers from SPLM say that it has declared the entire South Sudan as a war zone, and they were advised to withdraw their staff without delay to avoid accidental kill-

ings, damage to property and machinery, and "inevitable political complications."

SPLM says it wishes to make it possible to maintain the installations and property, but demands that the companies should, in future, complete their negotiations with the SPLM and have no further dealings with the Sudan Government concerning any activities in the South. The companies are assured that the SPLM welcomes their activities, recognizes their right to exploit any oil discoveries they have made, or may make in the future, and has no intention of substituting other companies for them.

THE DEATHS of ten CCI workers last month, the SPLA claims, was due to an accident when the work force, after having initially been evacuated, returned under government pressure and walked into a landmine.

Chevron has told the government that it will not send back its work force until their security is guaranteed. Numeiri, upset by Chevron's stand, has sent more troops to Upper Nile to try to curb the SPLA.

The army did succeed in lifting the siege of Nasir, a township close to the centre of oil operations at Bentiu. It claims to have killed almost 400 rebels. SPLA's counter-claim is 267 government soldiers killed and 173 wounded.

In another attack, at Malwal on the Ethiopian border, the SPLA claims to have killed 180 soldiers for the loss of 12 of their own men. The Sudan army put rebel losses at 750; but the SPLA says that this figure includes 656 civilians who were drowned when they jumped into the river to escape the army.

In the latest major attack, at Mandani, the SPLA claims to have killed

110 government soldiers and destroyed three army landing-craft.

Allowing for the fact that both sides tend to exaggerate the number of the enemy killed while minimizing their own losses, the significance of the casualty figures banded about by both sides is the scale of the fighting which they indicate. This does not suggest ordinary hit-and-run bush warfare.

NUMEIRI HAS continued to blame the attacks on the Ethiopians and Libyans, supported by their military allies, the Soviets and Cubans.

While there is no evidence that any outsiders have been engaged in the fighting inside the country, it is true that the SPLM leaders and other southerners have been given political asylum in Ethiopia — just as Sudan gives asylum to the Eritreans, and Tigrayan and ordinary Ethiopian refugees.

But the Khartoum regime insists that it does not allow military operations from across its border. It accuses Ethiopia of doing nothing to stop the Sudanese rebels from doing so, and that it is refusing to prevent political activities by SPLM leaders who have taken shelter on the Ethiopian side of the border.

Col. Gaddafi — a well-known adversary of Gen. Numeiri — has openly boasted of his support for the Southern Sudanese. Although there is no hard evidence that Libyan arms have reached the rebels, this cannot be ruled out if the fighting continues.

The SPLM has made it clear they stand ready to receive support from any government which is willing to help them.

The SPLM has published a lengthy memorandum setting out the background to their decision to



Named after a deadly insect, the Anyanya led a 17-year-struggle for the autonomy of Southern Sudan. (Camera Press)

launch their struggle.

They say that Numeiri willfully tore up the Addis Ababa agreement (to which he was a signatory) by redividing the South into its original three provinces.

They recall the old suspicions felt among southerners about "Arab domination" from the North, which had triggered off the Anyanya revolt in 1956; and they speak of the obsessional suspicions of the northerners about secessionist ambitions in the South.

It argues that with the discovery of oil "the Arabs" are determined to ensure its exploitation for their own purposes; SPLM says this explains Numeiri's decision to divide the South, and his policy of Islamization and Arabization.

Despite all these differences, the SPLM sees the Numeiri regime as the enemy, not the Northerners; its only interest, it says, is to get rid of his regime, not to cause a national split which would be a retrograde step. (Third World Reports)

The fear of agent orange

By BARRY RENFREW/Sydney

HUNDREDS OF Australian veterans say the horrors of the Vietnam war are just beginning for them because chemicals intended to save lives have poisoned their bodies and deformed their children.

After years of silence the Australian government has responded to veterans' charges with a major inquiry into the use of chemical defoliants in Southeast Asia. The inquiry, which began in January, expects to spend a year examining one of the most storied aspects of the war.

The 12,000-strong Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia contends allied soldiers were routinely exposed to highly toxic chemicals, such as agent orange, used as defoliants in Vietnam. They say chemical poisoning underlies the many physical and mental problems faced by Vietnam veterans.

Soldiers who fought in Vietnam are not suffering from delayed reaction to the stress of combat or depression at being shunned by a society that wants to forget the war, the veterans say. What are being diagnosed as psychological problems is neurological and physical damage from herbicides, they claim.

"We don't say everything is caused by chemicals. But when we come up with these cancers and deformed children — there were so many chemicals used in such quan-

ties — they must be a factor," said John Evans, a retired government chemist working with the veterans and one of several people interviewed by the Associated Press.

SEVERAL CHEMICAL companies are countering the veterans' claims before the commission, contending herbicides used in Vietnam are safe.

'The suicide rate is appallingly high. Something's very wrong,' he said.

A soldier exposed to defoliant and suffering from a rare cancer at the age of 33 should be treated like one crippled by a bullet, said association head Phil Thompson. "We want them to accept the responsibility of vets who are suffering from these diseases because of chemical exposure," he said.

Australian and other allied troops in jungle operations were sprayed with chemicals during U.S. campaigns to deny cover to Communist forces, the inquiry has been told. Perimeters of allied bases were sprayed by plane to give clear fields of fire, and herbicides settled on the camps, witnesses have said.

Les Nunn, an Australian sergeant

in Vietnam, was "physically drenched" with defoliant in 1968. "It was reported back to me that the chemical was agent orange and that we shouldn't worry too much about it," he said.

Claude Ducker, a former colonel, said troops he was commanding were sprayed during operations in 1969. "I knew it would have to be an

American aircraft. I knew that type of plane was used for the spraying," he said.

Jon Dudenhoeffer, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, who directed spraying missions, said allied troops had been hit when planes did not know they were below the dense jungle canopy. "You were conscious of the smell (of the chemicals) even in your own quarters because it was embedded in your clothes," he told the inquiry.

THOMPSON SHOWS visitors a list of the names of about 1,200 veterans who have died since Vietnam. Most perished from severe forms of liver, brain, stomach and skin cancer in numbers proportionally high for their ages, he said.

On nearly every page names are underlined in pink to denote suicide. "The suicide rate is appallingly high. Something's very wrong," he said.

Children of veterans have very high rates of birth defects because of chromosome damage, Thompson

said. The association magazine runs descriptions of veterans exposed to defoliants.

"Skin rash, loss of coordination. Daughter, six months, cleft palate, missing toes, fingers," — Groin and body rash, nausea, depression, daughter, 5, has club foot, deformed fingers,"

Monsanto Australia Ltd. says the chemicals which were used in herbicides have been used safely for years by farmers. Spokesman Douglas Reid said the company did not supply defoliants for military use.

"It's to safeguard our agricultural markets in Australia," Reid said.

Australians and New Zealanders are among the Vietnam veterans covered by a lawsuit in the U.S. against the makers of agent orange and other herbicides used in the war. The case will go to trial in New York in May.

Evans said there is a preoccupation with agent orange among American veterans. Defoliants that could be more deadly are being forgotten, he said.

He reels off names — agents white, blue, purple, pine and green. Some were prototypes of agent orange, others were for special tasks, while nothing is known about some, he said.

There is evidence that agent blue, based on arsenic and used to destroy crops, causes genetic mutations, Evans said.

The veterans fear the problem can only get worse as more become ill and genetic damages multiply in their descendants, Thompson said. "We've got to look after them even if these chaps elect to die at 33 on Skid Row of plunk (cheap wine). We've got to put a roof over their heads so they can die in dignity," he said.

(Associated Press)

Victims of lending libraries

By BRIAN CATHCART
London

be disqualified and their money returned to the kity.

"A million people read me in libraries every year, but the people who need this are the ones who are borrowed 100,000 times or so. Some big names and very talented younger writers got just a couple of hundred — it's farcical," he said.

At the Society of Authors,

THIS MONTH 6,000 British authors are receiving cheques through the post from the government, the first fruit of a long-awaited scheme which establishes what they regard as a professional right.

The money is meant to compensate them for royalties lost when readers borrow their books from public libraries instead of buying them in the shops.

Authors fought for such a scheme for 30 years but, as the first cheques arrived, there were no wild literary parties or quick retreats into tax exile. Nobody has struck it rich.

The government had allocated two million sterling this year, but 8,000 people applied and when the calculations of library borrowing figures had been done and costs had been deducted, the average payout was just £261 (IS40,000).

Novelist Brigid Brophy summed up the mood: "All one can say is, if one is in a profession which is endemically impoverished, anything is better than nothing."

Brophy's father John issued the first call for a lending right in 1951, and she led the campaign in the 1970s, arguing that writers were providing an unpaid service to the libraries. She is one of many who have called for an immediate increase in the fund, saying the present figure, set in 1979, has been overtaken by inflation.

Jeffrey Archer, a former politician and now the author of a fistful of best-sellers, has another complaint.

He is one of 46 top names like John Le Carré, Alistair MacLean, Barbara Cartland and Dick Francis whose books are most popular with library borrowers and who will receive the maximum payment of £5,000.

As he points out: "Anyone who gets the full amount doesn't need it." Archer suggests that anyone who reaches the maximum should

chairman H.R.F. Keating sympathizes, but stresses that the scheme rewards writers for borrowings, not literary merit.

He added: "There are quite a few best-selling authors who have decided that, for the sake of 4,000-5,000 sterling on which they would have to pay tax, it was not worth their while to apply."

"They preferred instead that the money should go into the fund for less successful writers."

Keating, creator of the Indian Detective Inspector Ghote, said he was pleased to see the scheme in operation and thought it was working well, although he wants some changes.

At present only European Community citizens paying tax in Britain are entitled to lending right payments, but Keating's society, which groups 3,000 authors, is pressing for the inclusion of writers in West Germany. (Reuter)

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- Photos should not be pasted on paper or cardboard.
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Profit-taking easily absorbed

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's market performance bore a striking resemblance to last Tuesday's session, when after two sharply rising sessions a wave of profit-taking was neatly blocked. Once again big blocks of shares were offered for sale, and once again most of the sellers discovered that they could unload their holdings without any change in price. Technically speaking this showed that there was good underlying strength, as larger investors appeared to be ready to inject more capital into the market.

In the aftermath of the session analysts were encouraged by the news that some \$150 billion worth of savings schemes and bonds will fall due during the current quarter. The logic is that with such a high level of liquidity the chances are that a part of the funds will be directed into the stock market. At this stage it seems that such a course is likely to take place.

These expectations are based on statistics which indicate that investors, over the first quarter, have not reinvested redemptions into new savings schemes or into index-linked bonds. As a matter of fact, the Bank of Israel reports that sales of index-linked bonds in the first three months of 1984 lagged badly behind redemptions. Moreover, there is an ever-growing concern that the Bank of Israel may one day be forced to cease its intervention on behalf of the bond market. Yesterday trading slackened in the bond market and prices were mixed.

The relatively fast devaluation of the shekel which prevailed over the past few days continued yesterday. The local currency was devalued by 159 agorot against the dollar. Most observers consider that last month's devaluation of the shekel, which totalled 10.8 per cent, will fall short of the rate of inflation, which is expected to be in the range of 12-13 per cent. The assumption is that the Treasury will devalue the shekel in March at a rate equal to March's inflation, in addition to the difference.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

Created in February.

Looking more closely at the results of yesterday's session shows that in spite of the state of profit-taking, the General Share Index wound up with a gain of 1.52 per cent. Moreover, the volatility index reflected a generally upward trend.

There were 18 shares which were established as "buyers only," while 11 were fixed as "sellers only." In addition, a full 102 issues advanced by margins in excess of five per cent, while only 58 fell by similar margins.

Most of the sharply higher price movements came in the aftermath of shares being traded as "buyers only" for two sessions. These shares traded yesterday without any price restraints. The ordinary shares of Argamman soared by 56.1 per cent, while Amnonin settled for more sedate advance which fell just short of 30 per cent.

What is disturbing is the fact that such price inflation leads to instant distortions in the valuations of companies. Everyone knows only too well that Argamman is a first-rate company, but certainly nothing has occurred to have its total valuation go up by two-thirds over a period of three trading days.

Bank shares part of the "agreement" were generally up by just over two per cent. The strange gyrations in the price of the General Bank shares continued. On Sunday the shares unexpectedly surged ahead by 10 per cent. Yesterday they fell by 9.4 per cent.

There were some losses among the bank shares not part of the "agreement." Fibi eased by 7.2 per cent, while the shares of First International were down by 9.1 per cent. The Maritime Bank shares, despite relatively large offers for sale, traded unchanged.

Mortgage bank equities were

moderately lower, but specialized financial institution issues posted an advance.

Insurance stocks were mixed. The Ararat shares went on a rampage, as the 0.1 shares were 20.1 per cent higher while the 0.5 shares gained 17 per cent.

The service and trade group traded lower and on a sector basis lost 3.35 per cent. Losses ran up as high as 10 per cent, though isolated gains of up to 10 per cent were to be seen.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation group came through with an upside performance. Ten per cent advances were recorded by Azorim, Eilon, Darad 0.1 and Rogovin 5. Mishael 5.5 slipped in with a 27.6 per cent upward move and Lomir rose by 14.7 per cent.

Industrials also enjoyed a session of generally rising prices. Alaska-Sportlife 1 chalked up a gain of 27.1 per cent, while the 5 shares zipped ahead by 24.5 per cent.

Elbit Computers came through with a 10 per cent advance. The gain came in the aftermath of the company's announcement that it intends to float shares on the American Stock Market.

Most active stocks

IDB	5585	88,142.5m.	+115
Hapoelim	3795	87,941.5m.	+75
Leumi	2350	53,291.0m.	+5
Shari	151	115.9m.	—
Conventibles	1520	8m.	—
Bonds	1563	2m.	—

Bank of Israel exchange rates

U.S. dollar	140.55
British sterling	209.28
German mark	54.672
French franc	17.743
Dutch guilder	48.415
Swiss franc	66.204
Swedish krona	18.210
Norwegian krone	18.908
Danish krone	14.888
Finnish mark	25.197
Canadian dollar	112.37
Australian dollar	134.33
South African rand	118.01
Belgian franc (10)	26.718
Austrian schilling (10)	77.739
Italian lire (1000)	87.726
Japanese yen (100)	62.669
Irish pound	167.85
Spanish peseta (100)	94.806
Jordanian dinar	376.67
Lebanese lira	24.340
Egyptian pound	122.28

Financial Institutions

Sharon	185	128.6	—
Sharon B	1445	1	—
AgriCulture A	13000	—	—
AgriCulture C	13000	—	—
Leumi Ind	1265	111	—
Leumi Ind B	1265	61	—
Dev. Mortgage	9900	2	—
Dev. Mortgage B	23400	—	—
Dev. Mortgage C	2070	2	—
Dev. Mortgage D	19900	—	—
Dev. Mortgage E	17850	—	—
Dev. Mortgage F	5833	—	—
Contractors	1485	757	—
Contractors B	13324	—	—
Clal Lease 0.1	538	16	—
Clal Lease 0.2	340	30	—
Clal Lease 0.3	920	116	—

Insurance

Argon	830	927	+3.2
Argon B	710	102	—
Argon C	4610	2	—
Argon D	1260	49	—
Argon E	385	439	—
Argon F	910	117	—
Argon G	232	10	—
Argon H	419	136	—
Argon I	196	713	—
Argon J	684	772	—
Argon K	870	145	—
Argon L	1416	29	—
Argon M	489	54	—
Argon N	625	28	—
Argon O	586	68	—
Argon P	730	5	—
Argon Q	390	19	—
Argon R	70	422	—
Argon S	130	10	—
Argon T	1590	43	—
Argon U	380	10	—
Argon V	1150	15	—
Argon W	274	439	—
Argon X	800	35	—
Argon Y	471	84	—
Argon Z	209	124	—

Trade & Services

Meir Ezra	382	250	+17
Meir Ezra B	210	82	+16
Meir Ezra C	273	273	—
Meir Ezra D	143	918	+18
Meir Ezra E	75	2050	+6
Meir Ezra F	625	713	—
Meir Ezra G	1023	299	—
Meir Ezra H	227	287	—
Meir Ezra I	1169	6	—
Meir Ezra J	287	145	—
Meir Ezra K	2150	138	—
Meir Ezra L	1020	856	—
Meir Ezra M	617	125	—

Services

Delek	2155	192	—
Delek B	715	34	—
Delek C	330	28	—
Delek D	935	85	—
Delek E	430	868	—
Delek F	14562	—	—
Delek G	8209	—	—
Delek H	—	—	—
Delek I	—	—	—
Delek J	—	—	—
Delek K	—	—	—
Delek L	—	—	—
Delek M	—	—	—
Delek N	—	—	—
Delek O	—	—	—
Delek P	—	—	—
Delek Q	—	—	—
Delek R	—	—	—
Delek S	—	—	—
Delek T	—	—	—
Delek U	—	—	—
Delek V	—	—	—
Delek W	—	—	—
Delek X	—	—	—
Delek Y	—	—	—
Delek Z	—	—	—

SPOT RATES

US\$	1.4896/08	per \$
DM	2.5990/10	per \$
Swiss FR	2.1180/10	per \$
French FR	7.9175/00	per \$
Italian Lire	1601.50/00	per \$
Dutch G	2.5000/10	per \$
Yen	223.90/20	per \$
Japanese Yen	9.4450/75	per \$
Norwegian Kr	7.4440/80	per \$
Swedish Kr	7.7328/75	per \$
Belgian Fl	54.40/45	per \$
Belgian Con	62.60/62	per \$

FORWARD RATES

1 month	1.4897/20	1.4898/33	1.4899/11
3 months	2.5589/14	2.5407/22	2.5118/48
6 months	2.1006/04	2.0535/63	2.0050/28

Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")			
OHK	2030	3	—
Maritime 0.1	1583	n.c.	—
Maritime 0.5	376	2661	n.c.
Maritime 1	6644	196	+200
N. American 1	5516	253	+160
N. American 5	4517	79	+250
N. Am. op 1	799	183	+29
Danot 1	146	10275	—
Danot 2	380	232	—
First Int'l 5	582	3906	—
FIBI	454	4615	—

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

IDB	120301	—	+301
IDB B	5585	1578	+115
IDB B B	3795	2	+10
IDB B C	3795	2	+10
IDB B D	3795	2	+10
IDB B E	3795	2	+10
IDB B F	3795	2	+10
IDB B G	3795	2	+10
IDB B H	3795	2	+10
IDB B I	3795	2	+10
IDB B J	3795	2	+10
IDB B K	3795	2	+10
IDB B L	3795	2	+10
IDB B M	3795	2	+10
IDB B N	3795	2	+10
IDB B O	3795	2	+10
IDB B P	3795	2	+10
IDB B Q	3795	2	+10
IDB B R	3795	2	+10
IDB B S	3795	2	+10
IDB B T	3795	2	+10
IDB B U	3795	2	+10
IDB B V	3795	2	+10
IDB B W	3795	2	+10
IDB B X	3795	2	+10
IDB B Y	3795	2	+10
IDB B Z	3795	2	+10

Mortgage Banks

Adanot 0.1	1400	30	—
Gen. Mortgage	1844	500	+40
Gen. Mortgage B	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage C	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage D	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage E	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage F	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage G	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage H	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage I	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage J	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage K	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage L	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage M	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage N	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage O	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage P	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage Q	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage R	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage S	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage T	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage U	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage V	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage W	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage X	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage Y	1844	49	+117
Gen. Mortgage Z	1844	49	+117

Financial Institutions

Sharon	185	128.6	—
Sharon B	1445	1	—
AgriCulture A	13000	—	—
AgriCulture C	13000	—	—
Leumi Ind	1265	111	—
Leumi Ind B	1265	61	—
Dev. Mortgage	9900	2	—
Dev. Mortgage B	23400	—	—
Dev. Mortgage C	2070	2	—
Dev. Mortgage D	19900	—	—
Dev. Mortgage E	17850	—	—
Dev. Mortgage F	5833	—	—
Contractors	1485	757	—
Contractors B	13324	—	—
Clal Lease 0.1	538	16	—
Clal Lease 0.2	340	30	—
Clal Lease 0.3	920	116	—

Insurance

Argon	830	927	+3.2
Argon B	710	102	—
Argon C	4610	2	—
Argon D	1260	49	—
Argon E	385	439	—
Argon F	910	117	—
Argon G	232	10	—
Argon H	419	136	—
Argon I	196	713	—
Argon J	684	772	—
Argon K	870	145	—
Argon L	1416	29	—
Argon M	489	54	—
Argon N	625	28	—
Argon O	586	68	—
Argon P	730	5	—
Argon Q	390	19	—
Argon R	70	422	—
Argon S	130	10	—
Argon T	1590	43	—
Argon U	380	10	—
Argon V	1150	15	—
Argon W	274	439	—
Argon X	800	35	—
Argon Y	471	84	—
Argon Z	209	124	—

Trade & Services

Meir Ezra	382	250	+17
Meir Ezra B	210	82	+16
Meir Ezra C	273	273	—
Meir Ezra D	143	918	+18
Meir Ezra E	75	2050	+6
Meir Ezra F	625	713	—
Meir Ezra G	1023	299	—
Meir Ezra H	227	287	—
Meir Ezra I	1169	6	—
Meir Ezra J	287	145	—
Meir Ezra K	2150	138	—
Meir Ezra L	1020	856	—
Meir Ezra M	617	125	—

Services

Delek	2155	192	—
Delek B	715	34	—
Delek C	330	28	—
Delek D	935	85	—
Delek E	430	868	—
Delek F	14562	—	—
Delek G	8209	—	—
Delek H	—	—	—
Delek I	—	—	—
Delek J	—	—	—
Delek K	—	—	—
Delek L	—	—	—
Delek M	—	—	—
Delek N	—	—	—

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There is reason to believe that the Syrians too would not be opposed to such an arrangement. Such an ending to the war in Lebanon would be a far cry from Israel's hopes in June 1982. But that is what is left to achieve.

The legacy that Dr. Burg will leave behind him — and it is already being studied with zeal by Mr. Hanan Porat, the prodigal son returning from Tehiya — is how to concentrate singlemindedly on maintaining political power and not be perturbed by anything as awkward as political principle.

Every military planner in Israel has to take into account the possibility that one morning, as soon as the Gulf War is over, a formidable armoured force mounted on carriers will start moving west from Baghdad, towards Jordan or the Golan Heights.

The result was renewed hostility, as soon as Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq in July 1979. Any substitute for Saddam Hussein from within the party or the army can only be less anti-Syrian, less anti-Iranian and less cautious about the fulfilment of the Ba'th promise to

By AMAZIA BARAM

How would such a development affect Israel? One may assert that Israel would hardly be affected at all. Firstly, Khomeini would next turn to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and thus would become an American, not an Israeli, problem. Also, the new Shia regime will find it extremely difficult to control Baghdad and the areas to its north, which are largely Sunni and relatively secular and "Westernized." Thus, Iraq would be preoc-

In Islam the victory of the sword is often regarded as a proof of the validity of the faith, and the danger of a "domino syndrome" is much greater here than in other parts of the world. Thus, despite some undeniable short-term advantages that would accrue to Israel from an all-out Iranian victory, in the long term such a victory holds a very tangible threat of radicalizing large parts of the Middle East and thus confronting Israel with new dangers.

build a huge oil pipe line from southern Iraq to the Red Sea through Saudi Arabia and another through Jordan to Aqaba. These pipelines are proof that Iraq is ready to place some of its major strategic assets at the mercy of royalist pro-American regimes that only six or seven years ago topped its list of Arab regimes that should be toppled. Then again, a gradually heavier reliance of the Iraqi economy on outlets on the Red Sea brings Iraqi interests, at least geographically, closer to those of Israel. One can hardly believe that Iraqi strategists are not aware of the political significance of their economic planning.

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The adjusted population for the West Bank Gaza Area excluding Sinai in 1968 was 913,000, resulting in a per annum growth rate till 1982, based on official statistics, of 2.12 per cent. If one views the growth rate of the entire Arab population

Considering the recent decline in the net Jewish migration balance (immigrants less emigrants) which averaged only 9,000 per annum between 1974 and 1983, as compared to 33,000 per annum between 1961 and 1973, the expected migration balance to 1995 is unlikely to

The emphasis of the tournament is on the universality of sportsmanship, and encouragement is given to new players to participate. The tournament will, this year, be held at Kibbutz Yizreel on Saturday, April 7, and all groups (students, kibbutz volunteers, etc.) interested in participating should contact the secretary of the Organising Committee.

Moreover, dropping British spellings would, at long last, see the

JONATHAN LEVIN:
Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:
Sir, - Although appreciative of Louis Rapoport's review of *The Crime and Punishment of I.G. Farben* by Joseph Borkin (February 24), many of the author's friends in this country may be unaware that he is not now director of the Drew Pearson Foundation, as Rapoport wrote. I regret to report that Joe Borkin died several years ago.

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